

[040] Figures 1 to 4 show a mobile apparatus for strapping and/or bundling pallets and articles 23, having a strapping device 1 which is provided with a guide device 2 on which a closure device 3 is arranged. A packaging band; ~~which is not illustrated, 21~~ can be passed around a pallet or article, ~~which is likewise not illustrated, 23~~ by means of the strapping device 1. The packaging band is then tensioned, closed and cut off by means of the closure device 3. ◆◆

[058] Figure 3 shows an alternative embodiment of the guide device 2 to that shown in Figure 1. The guide device 2 in this case has no linear guide 4 in the true sense, but is provided with a joint device (or element) 16. In this case, a compressed gas cylinder 10 is essentially used for alignment of the closure device 3 (even if weight forces are also absorbed in this case), and a compressed gas cylinder 15 is used to ensure the outward and inward movement and to absorb the weight force which results from the closure device 3 and from the joint device 16. The arrangement of the joint device 16 corresponds essentially to a known bagger arm. Various arrangements of the compressed gas cylinders 10 and 15 as well as different configurations of the joint device 16, which are based on the embodiment as illustrated in Figure 3, are obvious to those skilled in the art. The physical design will therefore not be described in more detail. ◆◆